



Jewish Federation OF GREATER HOUSTON

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Dear Jran Community:

Today, we will go over updates from the City and County, the Jran conversation starter tomorrow, nominations for the Federation's community leadership awards, and our personal protective equipment survey.

Updates from the City and County

During his [press conference](#), Mayor Turner announced 77 new cases of COVID19 within Houston city limits today and 3 new fatalities, bringing the city's total to 82. Harris County is reporting 39 new cases and 3 additional deaths. As a reminder, you can view the Greater Houston area's COVID19 tracker on the [SETRAC website](#). Both the Mayor and County Judge have stressed that just because we are allowed to begin opening businesses does not mean COVID19 is out of Houston. We are still very much in an active pandemic.

Mayor Turner also announced that all graduating high school seniors in the Houston area will be part of a joint graduation ceremony on the evening of June 5th. Graduates will don caps, gowns and face masks and sit outside 6 feet apart at their respective school campus. There will be special messages from the Mayor and other surprise guests. There is no more appropriate way to send off the Class of 2020 than by head to toe coverings in June.

Jran Conversation Starter: Reopening Community Institutions

Tomorrow at 11 a.m. the Federation will be hosting a Conversation Starter webinar on reopening our institutions. Houston City Council Member Abbie Kamin will go over updates from the City, Taylor Landin from the Greater Houston Partnership will review their 15 Principles for Worksafe 2.0, and I will review a guide for organizations. Dr. Ed Septimus will be available for questions. Please [register in advance](#) to receive the Zoom log-in information.

Nominations for the Federation's Community Leadership Awards

Nominations for the Federation's Community Leadership Awards, including the Hans Mayer Award, the Barbara & Harold Falik Young Leadership Award, and the Ben Susholtz Young Leadership Award, are due no later than this **Friday, May 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** Thank you to everyone who has submitted nominations thus far.

You can learn more about the awards criteria, see past recipients, and submit your nominations [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Rina Trakhtenberg at rtrakhtenberg@houstonjewish.org. We look forward to reading your submissions and to recognizing this year's nominees for their outstanding commitment to Houston's Jewish community.

PPE Survey

The Federation's [survey on personal protective equipment](#) needs as we look forward to reopening will close this Monday, May 11th at 5 p.m. Please fill it out if your institution would be interested in the cost savings of a bulk purchase order.

In other news...

There are a lot of reasons to unplug, step outside and look at the sky this week. Today is [National Nurses Day](#). The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels conducted a fly over Houston, circling the Texas Medical Center, to say "thank you" to our frontline workers. If you missed this unique opportunity, you can [relive the experience online](#). It was a very exciting 5 seconds for my family. Our next fly over will be this Friday at 11:45 a.m. courtesy of the [Lone Star Flight Museum](#). Finally, tonight will be the last "[super moon](#)" of 2020. It will rise shortly before sunset and glow all night long.

Take care and don't forget to look up,

Jackie

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